

Open Lands Board
Minutes – Meeting #11 – Cont'd
February 21, 2008
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the County Commissioners Meeting Room

I. Meeting Called to Order – Dan Walker –Chair, at 7:05 PM

A. Roll Call (See Attachment A, Roll Call Sheet)

Board Members:

Dan Dunagan – Present
Jim Ellingson – Present
Ben Hillicoss - Present
Rob Johnson – Present
Dan Kraft – Excused
Gary Leese – Excused
Alan Maki – Present
Kent Meyers –Present

Mike Moore- Present
John Ormiston – Present
Mike Pfliger – Present
Craig Siphers – Excused
Tim Tackes – Excused
John Vore – Present
Dan Walker - Present

Planning Staff

Vanessa Morrell
Kimberli Conder

B. Review and approval of Minutes – December 20, 2007 Meeting

- The minutes were approved as written.

C. Amendments to Agenda

- Discussion on Board appointments added to agenda.

D. Public comment – Items not on the agenda

- There were none.

II. Old Business

A. Technical & Conservation Subcommittee update-

- **John V.** stated that nothing too much has gone on recently as far as the board is concerned. He did let us know that he will be leaving March 1, 2008 for a new position with FWP in Kalispell.

B. Education and Communication Subcommittee update

- **Dan Walker** stated that Vanessa had turned in her article to the Clark Fork Journal and he was happy to see that. Dan also brought up that this committee has done everything it was expected to. He stated that the major part of marketing this program is to get out and about and tell people about it. It was suggested

then, that this committee lie dormant until it is needed again. The committee will be brought back when necessary.

- **John O** wants to make sure that the information will still be getting out to the public. The purpose behind this committee was for just that, please do not lose that and make sure that it still gets out there.
- **Dan** stated that educational items go straight to Vanessa so that there would only be one calendar and no double booking in the marketing process. .

III. New Business

A. Annual election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- **John V.** stated that keeping continuity is very important as this process begins so he said that he was for retaining the current officers.
- **Dan D.** agreed and seconded the motion.

The vote was called; the Board voted unanimously (9-0) to retain Dan Walker as Chairman, and Mike Pfliger as Vice Chairman.

B. Tasks assigned to subcommittees

- **Mike** brought up the point that they will need to start looking for a replacement for John Vore.

C. Discussion on future OLB activities

- **Mike** stated that the BCC would like input from this Board on the use of subdivision mitigation funds as well as methodologies for determining mitigation amounts. He said that he thinks this is a very good fit.
- **John V.** said that he agrees that the Board's criteria would be valuable, but having the Board establish such values would not seem appropriate.
- **Dan W.** stated that there is an "operational fund" that is designated for the OLB. He thought that maybe this fund could help in some cases on a smaller level and said that he sees that as valuable also.
- **Vanessa** stated that those funds have to be specifically earmarked for something so it fits into a specialized line item.
- **Dan W.** stated that by March 3rd please have an email to him about ideas on how to utilize this fund and invest those mitigation dollars.

IV. Ravalli Planning Staff: Updates and Report

- **Vanessa** talked about the CPEP Program. Though the program has been updated it is still in draft form. The major changes are dependent on incoming funds. Fifteen thousand dollars is expected to come in as well as another \$15,000 for enhancements etc. They are looking to expand the program, to think broader, to look at the big

picture, and have cooperation between groups. This is a similar concept as the Missoula County Rural Initiatives Program.

- **Dan W.** stated that although it is hearsay, a private landowner has contacted us and is interested in the program. He also wanted to let everyone know that this board will not be having meetings for the sake of having meetings. If there is something to work on and/or discuss he is fine with that, but we are all busy people and he feels that there is not a purpose to meet just to meet.

V. Future meeting dates, proposed agenda items, and guest speakers

- **Next Scheduled Meeting –March 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM**
- **Tom Parker – GEUM – Analysis on Land Suitability Maps**

VI. Adjourn

- Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.